

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multifunction device includes a multifunction controller, a first interface for receiving input data from at least one document data source and a second interface for outputting processed input document data to at least one printer, and a touch screen that implements a graphical user interface for controlling the operation of the multifunction device. The control of the operation of the multifunction device includes setting operational parameters for the at least one document data source and the at least one printer, and selecting a mode of operation of the multifunction device. Another interface is provided for coupling to a facsimile device for outputting processed document data to the facsimile device under control of the graphical user interface, while a further interface is provided for coupling to an e-mail port for outputting processed document data to the e-mail port, also under control of the graphical user interface. In this latter embodiment, when operating in an e-mail mode of operation, the graphical user interface provides a single touch screen button for entering an "@" character. The graphical user interface also enables a user to access and search databases that are coupled to the multifunction controller through a global data communications network.